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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte JAMES WILLIAM FAHRNY
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Application 10/767,980
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Before Laverne Smith, *Supervisory Paralegal Specialist, Chemical Team*
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 3, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

A review of the file reveals that it is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the Amendment filed June 4, 2008. A written

communication notifying Appellants of the response to the Amendment is required. See 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(b) which states:

(b) Amendments filed on or after the date of filing a brief pursuant to § 41.37 may be admitted:

- (1) To cancel claims, where such cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claim in the proceeding, or
- (2) To rewrite dependent claims into independent form.

It is not clear whether this Amendment has been considered because an Advisory Action has not been mailed to indicate whether or not the proposed amendment will or will not be entered for purposes of appeal.

According, it is **ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner for:

- 1) consider the Amendment filed June 4, 2008, with appropriate written notification by the Examiner to Appellants of such consideration; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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